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SUBJ: ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS: KIM DONG-JO VISITS TOKYO

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SUMMARY: THOUGH ATMOSPHERE OF ROK FONMIN VISIT TO TOKYO
APRIL 1 AND

2 WAS CORDIAL, LITTLE PROGRESS MADE TOWARDS
IMPROVING ROK-JAPAN RELATIONS. GOJ LEADERSSTRESSED NECES-
SITY FOR GESTURE ON KIM DAE-JUNG CASE AS PREREQUISITE FOR
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HOLDING OF MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE. FONMIN KIM DONG-JO

ASKED FOR JAPAN'S DIPLOMATIC SUPPORT IN BARRING DPRK FROM NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE, COMPLAINED ABOUT GOJ EX-IM CREDITS TO DPRK, AND ADVOCATED SEPARATION OF US AND UN COMMANDS IN ROK. END SUMMARY.

1. DURING STAY IN TOKYO APRIL 1 AND 2, KIM DONG-JO SPENT TWENTY MINUTES WITH PRIME MINISTER MIKI AND SEVERAL HOURS IN INFORMAL CONVERSATION WITH FOREIGN MINISTER MIYAZAWA. ACCORDING TO FONOFF NE ASIA DIV DIR SEO, ATMOSPHERE OF TALKS CORDIAL AND FONMIN KIM APPEARED PLEASED WITH HIS RECEPTION. HE WAS MET AND SENT OFF AT AIRPORT BY VICE MINISTER TOGO.

2. MEETING WITH PRIME MINISTER - KIM DONG-JO BEGAN TWENTY-MINUTE COURTESY CALL ON PRIME MINISTER APRIL 2 BY LISTING SERIES OF SPECIFIC PROBLEMS INCLUDING EXPORT-IMPORT LOANS AND SALES OF SCUBA DIVING GEAR TO DPRK. MIKI CUT HIM OFF POLITELY, SUGGESTING THAT SUCH SUBJECTS BEST BE DISCUSSED WITH FONMIN. WHAT PRIME MINISTER WANTED TO TALK ABOUT WAS MEANS OF IMPROVING UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN TWO COUNTRIES, NOT ONLY AT GOVERNMENTAL LEVEL, BUT ALSO BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES AS WELL. MIKI WENT ON TO EXPLAIN HOW KIM DAE-JUNG REMAINED "SHADOW ON THE HEART OF THE JAPANESE PEOPLE". THE MATTER HAD NOT BEEN RESOLVED, AND UNTIL IT WAS, CONFIDENCE COULD NOT BE RESTORED BETWEEN THE TWO PEOPLES. MIKI EXPRESSED REGRET THAT GOVERNMENT OF JAPAN COULD NOT GUARANTEE SAFETY OF FOREIGNERS LIVING IN ITS TERRITORY (AS EVIDENCED BY KIM ABDUCTION). MIKI DEVOTED FULLY HALF OF CALL TO PRESENTING HIS VIEWS ON KIM DAE-JUNG CASE, SEO SAID.

3. SOME FONOFF OFFICIALS WERE UNHAPPY WITH CONVERSATION, FEELING THAT PRIME MINISTER HAD COME ON TOO STRONG, SEO COMMENTED. KOREAN AMBASSADOR, ON OTHER HAND, WAS DELIGHTED THAT ISSUE HAD BEEN RAISED AT HIGH LEVEL. HE HAS BEEN CABLING SEOUL REGULARLY THAT JAPANESE DEMANDING SOME ACTION ON KIM BEFORE MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE CAN BE SCHEDULED, AND UP TO NOW HAVING DIFFICULTY GETTING ANYONE TO BELIEVE HIM.

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4. MEETING WITH FOREIGN MINISTER - CALL ON MIKI PRECEDED NIGHT BEFORE BY SEVERAL HOURS OF INFORMAL AND RAMBLING CONVERSATION OVER LONG DINNER AT JAPANESE RESTAURANT WITH FONMIN MIYAZAWA. TOPIC-BY-TOPIC, HIGHLIGHTS AS FOLLOWS:

A. KIM DAE-JUNG - MIYAZAWA STRESSED THAT SOME GESTURE NEEDED ON KIM TO IMPROVE ATMOSPHERE OF RELATIONSHIP. HE

SUGGESTED THAT PERMISSION BE GRANTED FOR KIM TO MAKE SHORT TRIP ABROAD, PERHAPS TO GIVE LECTURES AT FOREIGN UNIVERSITY. IF KIM REFUSED TO GO, MIYAZAWA CONTINUED, JAPAN WOULD CONSIDER THE MATTER CLOSED. ROK FONMIN RESPONDED THAT KIM DAE-JUNG WAS ON TRIAL, AND FURTHERMORE HAD NO CURRENT FOREIGN LECUTRE INVITATIONS PENDING. NEVERTHELESS, HE PROMISED TO STUDY THE MATTER.

B. MINISTERIAL CONFERENCE - MIYAZAWA UNDERLINED THE JAPANESE DESIRE TO HOLD CONFERENCE, BUT MADE CLEAR THAT IT COULD NOT BE SCHEDULED UNTIL GESTURE MADE ON KIM DAE-JUNG CASE. HE TOLD KIM THAT AVAILABILITY OF JAPANESE MINISTERS FOR CONFERENCE DEPENDED UPON DIET, WHICH MIGHT NOW BE EXTENDED FOR TWO MONTHS, CONCLUDING AT END OF JULY. KIM SAID ROK WAS READY TO HOLD CONFERENCE ANYTIME, HOPEFULLY AS EARLY AS MAY OR JUNE.

C. DPRK AT NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE - KIM EXPLAINED ROK DESIRE TO KEEP DPRK OUT OF NON-ALIGNED CONFERENCE IN LIMA AND PREVENT PASSAGE OF RESOLUTION AT CONFERENCE AGAINST DUAL KOREAN MEMBERSHIP IN UN AND IN FAVOR OF WITHDRAWING FOREIGN TROOPS UNDER UN FLAG FROM ROK. HE ASKED JAPAN TO APPROACH INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA ON ROK BEHALF AND ALSO INDIA, WHICH KIM WOULD BE VISITING LATER IN APRIL.

D. UN - DURING RECENT VISIT TO INDONESIA, KIM HAD TOLD FONMIN MALIK THAT HE COULD NOT UNDERSTAND WHY INDONESIA AND MALAYSIA ABSTAINED ON FRIENDLY RESOLUTION AT 29TH UNGA. MALIK REPLIED THAT HE WOULD TAKE UP QUESTION OF UN-KOREA RESOLUTION AT ASEANFONMIN CONFERENCE IN MAY AND BACK ROK POSITION BOTH ON DUAL REPRESENTATION AND MAINTENANCE OF ARMISTICE. HE WOULD ALSO INVITE

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AUSTRALIA AND NEW ZEALAND TO JOIN IN SUPPORT OF ROK. KIM DONG-JO TOLD MIYAZAWA THAT HE WAS GRATEFUL FOR INDONESIA'S SUPPORT, BUT WOULD PREFER JAPAN TO TAKE INITIATIVE IN ORGANIZING SUPPORT FOR ROK AT UNGA, SEO CONTINUED.

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E. UN COMMAND - KIM TOLD MIYAZAWA THAT DURING HIS VISIT TO WASHINGTON HE HAD ADVOCATED SPLITTING UN AND US COMMANDS IN ROK, WITH SEPARATE COMMANDER FOR EACH. SUCH A DIVISION WOULD NOT ONLY MAKE IT POSSIBLE TO MAINTAIN PRESENCE OF UN COMMAND IN CASE OF EMERGENCY BUT ALSO FACILITATE DISSOLUTION OF COMMAND SHOULD THIS BE THE COURSE DECIDED UPON. SEO ADMITTED THAT HIS RECOLLECTION OF KIM'S PRESENTATION ON THIS POINT WAS HAZY AND CONTRADICTIONARY. A CERTAIN AMOUNT OF WHISKEY HAD BEEN CONSUMED BY THIS TIME (THE DINNER AND ENSUING CONVERSATION LASTED UNTIL PAST MIDNIGHT). HE WAS SURE, HOWEVER, THAT
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KIM HAD ADVOCATED A SPLIT COMMAND, AND HAD ADDED THAT IDEA WAS BETTER RECEIVED IN WASHINGTON THIS YEAR THAN LAST. ONCE DISMISSED OUT OF HAND, US WAS NOW STUDYING MATTER ACTIVELY, KIM TOLD MIYAZAWA.

F. EX-IM CREDITS - KIM MADE GENERAL PRESENTATION
COMPLAINING ABOUT GOJ EX-IM CREDITS TO NORTH KOREA AND
SALES OF SENSITIVE GOODS SUCH AS SCUBA GEAR. HE DID NOT
GO INTO SPECIFICS.

G. BONITO EXPORTS - AS RESULT OF SLUMPING US DEMAND
FOR BONITO, ROK IS TRYING TO INCREASE EXPORTS TO JAPAN.
FISHERIES AGENCY, UNDER PRESSURE FROM DIET MEMBERS WHOSE
CONSTITUENTS ALSO FISH FOR BONITO, IS TRYING TO PERSUADE
ROK TO LIMIT EXPORTS VOLUNTARILY. MIYAZAWA EXPLAINED
SITUATION TO KIM AND PLEDGED TO FIND WAY OF COUNTERING
DIET PRESSURE.

H. CONTINENTAL SHELF - MIYAZAWA TOLD KIM THAT AGREE-
MENT WOULD BE FORMALLY PRESENTED IN DIET APRIL 15, AND
GAVE HIM RUNDOWN ON PROSPECTS FOR RATIFICATION ALONG
LINES TOKYO 1314.

I. NON-TOPICS - ACCORDING TO SEO, KIM DD NOT RAISE
QUESTION OF CHOSEN SOREN OR STATEMENTS MADE DURING SHIINA
VISIT LAST FALL.

5. COMMENT: KIM VISIT DID NOT HARM RELATIONS BETWEEN ROK
AND JAPAN, BUT NEITHER DID IT HELP MUCH. EVIDENCE OF
MIKI'S PERSONAL CONCERN OVER KIM DAE-JUNG CASE IS MOST
STRIKING NEW FEATURE AND UNDERLINES WORRY OF HIS GOVERN-
MENT OVER RECRUDESCENCE OF ANTI-ROK EMOTIONS. THE KIM
ISSUE IS A "SLEEPING LION", SEO COMMENTED.

6. GOJ HANDLING OF RELATIONSHIP HAS IMPROVED, HOWEVER,
IN SOME RESPECTS, FONOFF COORDINATION WITH MITI HAS
IMPROVED RECENTLY AND FORMAL APPROVAL OF EX-IM CREDITS
IN PIPELINE FOR DPRK (SEE TOKYO 3699) IS PROCEEDING
AT VERY DELIBERATE PACE. SO FAR ONLY ONE OF NINE PRO-
JECTS, A SMALL-SCALE COMMITMENT, HAS BEEN APPROVED. SEO
REPORTS ON MOST CONFIDENTIAL BASIS THAT QUESTION OF
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APPROVAL FOR LARGE-SCALE TEXTILE PLANT WILL PROBABLY
NOT EVEN ARISE UNTIL FALL. FURTHERMORE, NEGOTIATIONS
WITH ROK ON AID AND ECONOMIC COOPERATION ARE PROCEEDING
SMOOTHLY. FONOFF EC COOP BUR DIR GEN KATORI WILL BE IN
SEOUL ON APRIL 8TH AND IS EXPECTED TO WIND UP AGREEMENT.
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